BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 1 OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON 2 IN RE COMPLIANCE WITH PDC CASE NO. 03-158 RCW 42.17 3 ORDER OF DISMISSAL 4 DENIS BRYANT 5 Respondent. 6 7 8 **INTRODUCTION** 9 This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission) 10 on March 25, 2003. Commissioners present included Michael Connelly, Chair, Susan Brady, 11 Vice Chair, Lois Clement, Secretary, Francis Martin and Earl Tilly. Also present were PDC 12 Executive Director Vicki Rippie, PDC Assistant Director Susan Harris, Senior Assistant 13 Attorney General Linda A. Dalton and Assistant Attorney General Nancy Krier. Susan Harris, 14 representing PDC Staff, presented the Commission with an oral summary of the investigative 15 findings from complaints filed against the Respondent alleging violations of RCW 42.17.120. 16 Respondent did not appear and was not represented by legal counsel. Advance notice of the 17 meeting and this matter were posted on the PDC's website. The Commission also reviewed the 18 Report of Investigation in the matter, and the PDC Staff recommendations. The Commission 19 hereby enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order: 20 21 FINDINGS OF FACT 22 Denis Bryant was asked by Catherine Boshaw, a major investor in his business 1. 23 ventures and a person he considers his mentor, to make contributions to H. M. (Mike) 24 Foote, Jr., and Marty Michalson, candidates in the 1999 Des Moines City Council 25

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election, with the understanding that he would be reimbursed for those contributions.

| 1 | 2. | On September 16, 1999, Mr. Bryant received a check in the amount of \$4,000 from |
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| 2 | | Environmental Materials Transport, LLC, written and signed by Hank Hopkins. |
| 3 | 3. | On September 22, 1999, Mr. Bryant sent checks to candidates Foote and Michalson in |
| 4 | | the amount of \$2,000 each. |
| 5 | 4. | No evidence was found that Mr. Bryant was aware that taking part in such a |
| 6 | | transaction was illegal. |
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| 8 | | CONCLUSION OF LAW |
| 9 | T | he Commission finds that the Respondent did not violate RCW 42.17.120. |
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| 12 | В | y a vote of 3-2, the Commission dismissed the allegations against Denis Bryant. |
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| 14 | DATED ' | THIS day of April, 2003. |
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